



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to share with you all some excellent news about The Holmesdale School.

### **Academisation**

The Holmesdale School has now formally joined the Swale Academies Trust and therefore begins a new life as an Academy. The school will continue to go from strength to strength working within an experienced and successful academy trust. For further information regarding SAT, please click on the link.

[Swale Academies Trust - Home](#)

### **Exam results**

We are so proud of our Year 13 and Year 11 students who achieved the best results that the school has seen in recent years. Our Year 11 students in particular have succeeded in achieving some excellent results including several students who achieved grade 9s in English, Science and History. The students have dealt with so much over the last few years and have exceeded our own school targets for the number of students achieving the minimum pass grade of grade 4 and above for both English and Mathematics. We wish them all the best of luck in their future progression.

### **New website**

To celebrate our academisation, our new school website is now live. Please take a look [www.holmesdale.kent.sch.uk](http://www.holmesdale.kent.sch.uk).

We hope our parents and online community find the clearer layout and new style help to make it more mobile friendly.

And finally, we start our new academic year today welcoming the largest intake of students in Year 7 and Year 12 over the last 5 years. Our new cohort of students will be experiencing their first day in school today and will be meeting their new peer group and teachers. We wish them all the best of luck for their new beginning.

For all other year groups, their first day will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September where all students will be expected to be in school, suitably equipped, smartly dressed and ready to learn at the earlier time of 8:40am for an 8:45am start.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Prebble  
Headteacher